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through a right. The secretary of the Alliance Exchange company, which does \$5,000,000 worth of business a year, in this state, says it will be an easy thing to throw all the business into the new organization. In addition to this the alliance is in a position to control absolutely the grain business of the state. In every county where the alliance will pledge support to the store a manager will be appointed and goods supplied by the store at a small profit. The alliance is the profits. The National Union company is an outgrowth of the Ocala convention. The scheme was sprung there and approved by President Folk. Three months later

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Voting was then renewed, and after several ballots the contest narrowed to Biddle, Utley and Maxon. Then McGrath gave the word for Maxon to withdraw in Utley's favor, but all of Maxon's men did not or would not understand the order, and enough of them cast their votes for Biddle.

to elect him and to defeat the story. Mr. McLaughlin, who could not see particularly in the endorsement or vindication. Mr. McLaughlin said there was a great surprise in the fact of his proposing a resolution expressing unqualified confidence in the retiring president. The resolution was adopted.

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Miss Fannie R. Vickery was chosen to be the secretary of the convention. B. French was re-elected secretary.

The convention took a recess until this evening, at which the election of officers was completed.

A. Custer was re-elected treasurer. W. H. Coyle was re-elected candidate for president. He was nominated for state lecturer, but he declined and S. M. Scott was chosen.

Mrs. Fannie McCormick was elected assessor.

No regular platform was adopted, but the sub-treasury scheme and the St. Louis convention were the subjects of the official acts of President Polk were heartily approved.

MADE CITY, Fla., Oct. 24—The principal work of the farmers alliance today was on amendments to the constitution. The president's salary was cut down from \$300 to nothing, and other salaries kept practically where they are at present. The secretary's report shows a decrease in the total membership in this

state from 7,688 to 5,460. The alliance has so far claimed a membership of 20,000 and this announcement creates general surprise. The democratic party in Florida numbers 35,000 to 40,000 votes and the alliance men could hardly control the state convention with only one-seventh of its membership.

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**Make a Few Demands.**  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 23.—The State Farmers alliance closed a three days' secret session this evening. Today resolutions were adopted endorsing the St. Louis platform demanding the abolition of the national bank issues of currency and the

issued or legal tender notes to be loaned on legal tender notes according to the sub-treasury plan; demanding the abolition of railroad rate passes; denouncing the last legislature for ignoring the demands of Confederate labor; demanding national and state legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor, and demanding equal suffrage for women.

**Nebraska's Chances for the Interstate Commission Appointment.**  
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election of officers. The various candidates and leaders met at noon to arrange a slate. President McGrath stated that he desired an endorsement of his official acts and acquittal of the various charges of corruption which had been made at the time of the Kansas senatorial contest, and which arose out of the letter received by him and alleged to have been written by Congressman Turner, proposing the latter's

election to succeed Mr. Ingalls. He gave the caucus to understand that he had enough delegates in the convention to both force an endorsement and a vindication and to secure his re-election. He did not wish, however, to be the cause of discord in the party and he would withdraw in favor of W. H. Utley state lecturer. The other candidates agreed to this compromise.

When the caucus adjourned and went into the convention it was supposed that all the convention would have to do would be to cast its vote for the slate. The programme was carried, however, so far as the election of a president was concerned. Some members who had not been admitted to the caucus proposed that no nominating speeches be made and that an informal ballot be taken. The motion

prevailed, and it was found that Utley, W. H. Biddle and P. B. Maxon led, while several others received a few votes. Each candidate was required to address the convention and to swear to the support of the Cincinnati platform, the sub-treasury and the cooperative schemes.

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